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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time to respond for a period of three months up to and including November 24, 2002 accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 19, delete the first full paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

Coronary angiography in two planes was conducted at yearly intervals following transplantation for all patients without clinical features of coronary artery disease, or at unscheduled intervals if clinically indicated. Transplant-related coronary artery disease (TCAD)